

# MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

*Encouraging the art of Quilting in the Merrimack Valley, MVQ was established in 1980*

*January, 2021*



## Executive Committee 2020 – 2021

President: Elizabeth Swan

Vice President: Bev Valle

Secretary: Jamie Ruh

Treasurer AP: Diane Kelley

Treasurer AR: Layne Rando

Go to [MVQuilters.org](http://MVQuilters.org) and look under the board member section for the full list of all the board and standing committee members.

To reach any committee member, please address any correspondence to:

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Haverhill, MA 01831

**Next Virtual meeting:**

**January 21, 2021**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday. Due to the pandemic, things were a little different this year. Hopefully, next year it will look a little more "normal". Lots of things are happening in the guild, so make sure you review the entire newsletter to avoid missing some important news.

Last year we began the process of making some changes to our bylaws. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were not able to complete the process. We need to finish this important task. Please carefully review the information in this newsletter regarding the Suggested Bylaw Changes.

The board is in the process of assembling the next Nominating Committee, which is responsible for presenting the next slate of officers for our election in May. We are fortunate to have two board members volunteer to be the committee chair and vice chair. We need to fill the committee with three members at large. Please read the information in this newsletter regarding the positions and consider volunteering. Contact me if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

We are all hoping that healing and protection from the virus is on its way soon. We are cautiously optimistic that the Quilt Show will be held in the fall. The committee is taking baby steps at this time and will announce it's first virtual Quilt Show Committee meeting soon.

Recently our first Virtual Board meeting using the Zoom platform was held without any big problems. So, I am confident that our Virtual Guild Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> will be smooth. You do not have to have a Zoom account to attend. Invitations will be sent to all members. If you have a friend who would like to attend, feel free to share the invitation with them.

As always if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me.

Elizabeth Swan, President

## **Bylaws Changes**

Last year, the board voted to make necessary changes to the current Bylaws. The suggested changes were sent to each guild member in preparation for discussion and vote. However, due to the pandemic, we were not able to hold face-to-face meetings and the discussion and vote were put on hold. We need to complete the process.

Therefore, shortly after the January Virtual Guild meeting, we will send a duplicate copy of the suggested bylaw changes to each member to re-review.

We will have time available at the February Virtual Guild Meeting to discuss the changes and answer questions.

Shortly after the February Virtual Guild meeting, we will send an electronic ballot to each member, like the ballot distributed for last years election of the Executive Committee, so members may vote to accept the suggested bylaw changes.

Feel free to contact any board member if you have a question about this process. Thank you.

## **Election 2021**

It is almost that time, once again, to begin the process of electing our next Executive Committee. The committee consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Accounts Receivable Treasurer and Accounts Payable Treasurer.

The first step is to assemble our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be presented at the March Virtual Guild Meeting. According to our bylaws, we need two members of the board and three members at large to make up the committee. Fortunately, two board members have volunteered to serve as Nominating Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

At this time, we are seeking three members at large to fulfill the committee. The duties of the member at large include assisting the committee chairs in the balloting and election process as well as any other duties needed.

This is an easy position and perfect for a newer member who would like to participate more in the guild's activities. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to become part of this committee.

Elizabeth Swan, President

## **Board Meetings**

Until further notice, all board meetings are virtual. They are scheduled in advance on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm. The dates are listed on the MVQ website under "Calendar of Events". All members are welcome to attend by contacting Liz Swan at least 2 days before the meeting and request an invitation.

## **COMFORT QUILTS 2021**

There will be two comfort quilt projects for this year. We are looking to receive them in October, 2021.

Tough Warrior Princesses.

This agency provides support, comfort, love and resources to women affected by cancer.

Go to their website and see the beautiful baskets that are filled and given out.

They are looking for lap size quilts for women, approximately 50 x 60 plus.

Brenda Haskell, one of our MVQ members, is the link to this agency.

Wellspring House in Gloucester.

This agency inspires families and adults on the North Shore to achieve employment and financial security through stable housing, education, job training and career readiness.

They provide temporary shelter to families. Their website can be found under Wellspring House Gloucester.

They are looking for twin size quilts for women and child size quilts for boys and girls.

Thank you for your generosity in the past, and for these up-coming projects for 2021.

Sincerely,

Beverly Valle, Vice President of MVQ.

## **Membership Information**

Reminder: The Board extended everyone's membership through June, 2021. Therefore, you don't have to fill out the membership form on our website or pay any money just yet. That is only for new members right now. We will have our regular membership drive in the spring.

Our next meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> and will again be virtual. Please remember to identify yourself with your first and last names. This will help us get to know each other better and eliminate any confusion. Also, if you have a friend in attendance, please introduce them to the rest of us so we can give them the welcome they deserve and show them what a friendly group we are!

Linda Lydecker, Membership Chair

The January/February edition of The Country Register is now available. They are offering their newspaper online to our guild. [Click Here to Download the January/February Issue](#)

# Programs for January



Our January meeting will be a virtual lecture by Kate Colleran of Centennial Colorado. A former nurse, Kate started her quilt business in 2003 and has been going strong ever since. Her lecture is entitled **Smash Your Stash**. Check out Kate's website at <https://seamslikeadream.shop/>

Our first virtual workshop will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with Kate. **Fun With** from 10:00-1:00. This could be a great opportunity to use up some workshop costs \$35 per participant. Because MVQ workshops have \$25, the guild will pay the \$10 difference. There is a fee for the class we only have 6 people signed up. Please consider joining us.



**Braids** will run scraps. The traditionally cost kit. At this point,

- Signup at <https://seamslikeadream.shop/products/fun-with-braids-merrimack-valley-quilters>.
- Here's s link to the main page for our workshop which includes information, supplies list, and available kit information. <https://seamslikeadream.shop/pages/table-scraps-table-runner-class-page>

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If you have questions, email [judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com) or call her at 978.352.221- (H) or 978.476.2525 (C).

## Sew and Know

This month, I have a recommendation for you to watch a brief youtube presentation on four methods of making half square triangles.

Just Google: **Youtube Sewing 101 4 Half Square Triangle (HST) Methods**

If you have more tips, tricks, or videos you would like to share in the newsletter, please email or call me.

As we push through this difficult time, let's keep connected and sharing!!

Janice Jones

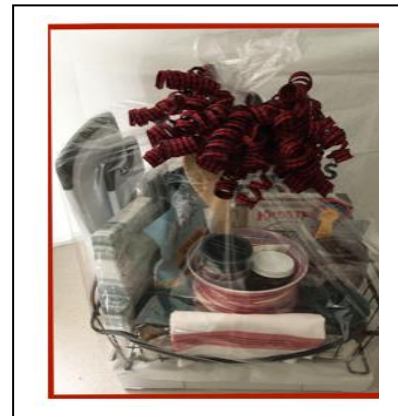
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# January's Raffle Basket

December Raffle basket was a financial success raising over \$260.00 for our treasury. Since everything in the basket was donated, this was a win for us. February's basket theme is "From the Kitchen". Here are the contents.

- A tin sign encouraging folks to gather
- A messy kitchen sign
- A great Jacques Pepin cook book
- Rolled oats
- Chocolate chip cookie mix
- Vermont honey and Stonewall Kitchen Jam and Mango Chutney
- Mixing and measuring spoons
- A hand-crafted utensil holder
- Napkins and dishtowels
- Two cutting boards
- Cape Cod Spices
- This collection is packed in a bronze wire basket.



When the PayPal connection for buying tickets is ready to go, you will get an email, and notice will be posted on our website and Facebook. Tickets are \$5.00 for 6 chances to win this basket. Thanks for supporting our guild in this mini-fundraiser. The winner will be drawn at our January meeting,

I appreciate the donations that members made to fill this month's basket. If you have questions, email [judy.naylor@gmail.com](mailto:judy.naylor@gmail.com) or call her at 978.352.2210 (H) or 978.476.2525 (C).

## PAYPAL PAYMENTS

Our guild is moving forward! MVQ now has a PayPal account associated with our website and connected to our Santander bank account. Currently we have 2 situations where you can use PayPal:

Membership Application – currently for new members at \$10. The amounts will be updated when we start our membership drive in the spring. Please encourage your quilting friends to join MVQ currently for a bargain price.

Current Raffle Quilt tickets – available for \$5 for a book of 6. You may choose how many books to purchase. Please encourage family, friends, and acquaintances to purchase a book or 2 through our website.

**You do not need a PayPal account to make these purchases.** PayPal accepts most credit cards. PayPal is just the platform we are using to collect funds.

For those members and friends that do not wish to use a credit card, you can print a membership application and mail it to Linda Lydecker with a check. And you can still contact Betty Hastings if you wish to purchase tickets using cash or check.

The board decided to use PayPal as a way of contactless purchases at this time of isolation. Also, it is easy for non-members to purchase tickets or apply for membership. The Board tested the transactions several times and it is easy and simple. There is a fee associated with PayPal, but we receive a discounted rate due to our 501C3 status.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate any of the board members.

## MVQ PROGRAMS 2020 – 2021

As we continue in this era of pandemic and social distancing, I hope everyone finds time to take care of themselves and maybe do some fun sewing.

Next year we have three speakers tentatively planned for March, April, and May. The Board is planning to evaluate the budget and the local circumstances over the Winter to determine if we will be able to hold the programs we have scheduled. More information will follow after this determination.

The speakers that are planned are:

March: Amy Friend ([https:// duringquiettime.com/](https://duringquiettime.com/))

April: Sheri Cifaldi-Morril (<https://www.wholecirclestudio.com>)

May: Pat Harrison (<https://www.oceanwavesqc.com/>)

Our limited program schedule will make it even easier to be Programs Chairperson! All of the teachers are taking care of their own transportation and lodging, so all you have to do is give them a hand at meetings when they give their lectures and help with the workshops. The workshop help could even be delegated to someone who has signed up for the class, making your job even simpler! Wrangle a few of your friends into forming a Programs Committee and you may only have responsibilities for only one meeting!

Merrimack Valley Quilters has a strong reputation in the area for bringing world class quilters to teach for our guild. If no one steps up to be next year's Programs Chairperson, there will be no lectures or workshops in the 2021 – 2022 year! Please support the guild and consider serving in this valuable position.

All workshop fees to be announced or contact the Programs Chairperson.

**Payment is due when you sign up for the class.** Supply lists will be e-mailed to class attendees and they will be available on the Blog as well. Hard copy supply lists will no longer be provided.

Supplies and kits required by the Instructor are separate. Sign-Up fees for the class are Non-Refundable.





## MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 10/15/20

GoToMeeting Call to order: 7:00 P.M. Fifty people were in attendance.

### President's Announcements

Liz welcomed everyone to our first virtual guild meeting. She gave tips for using GoToMeeting. Diane Kelley was collecting questions in a chat room.

Liz talked about what the future looked like for the guild meetings. She talked about the restrictions at NECC and the Massachusetts laws for COVID.

Liz shared that Brenda Haskell is doing a Jelly Roll Challenge. The end date is November 2. She will be giving out prizes for color, appliqué and overall design. Winners will receive a gift certificate.

We had a Show and Tell Power Point presentation.

The retreats had to be cancelled due to COVID.

Vice President – Bev Valle: Bev talked about the Comfort Quilts being dropped off November 8 at the Plaistow Library.

Raffle Quilt – Betty Hastings took the raffle quilt to The Pine Tree Quilt Shop. It is there for 3 weeks and they will collect money for raffle tickets for the guild. Betty talked about there not being too many places to sell raffle tickets. Flowers were sent to Janet Santeusanio for closing MQX.

Programs – Judy Naylor: Judy talked about how many programs she has for virtual meetings. She talked about ways to present Journeys with a Power Point presentation or video recording.

Quilt show – Diane Kelley: September 30 is the date for next year's quilt show set up. October 1 and 2 are the show dates. "Ruby Celebration" is still the theme. We will be displaying red and white quilts.

Meeting adjourned: 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Ruh, Secretary

Newsletter items must be submitted on the first FRIDAY after the board meeting to Mary or Ann Stobbs:

[ams01938@hotmail.com](mailto:ams01938@hotmail.com)

## MVQ Guild Meeting Minutes 12/3/20

GoToMeeting Call to order: 7:00 P.M. 48 people were in attendance.

### President's Announcements

Liz welcomed everyone to our second virtual guild meeting. Cathy Harnisch was monitoring questions in the chat room.

The next guild meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

Liz thanked Judy Naylor and Cathy Harnisch for the technical help.

Liz talked about cancelling future in-person guild meetings. Journeys is rescheduled to June. And the UFO Auction is rescheduled to May, possibly outside. Give donations to Stacey.

All board meetings are conducted on GoToMeeting so far. Members may attend.

Liz talked about using PayPal on the website and ways to bring in money for the guild. She thanked Cathy Harnisch, Judy Naylor and Betty Hastings for their help.

Liz talked about a membership drive in the spring.

We had a Show and Tell Power Point presentation of the charity quilts for Foster Kids and the Jelly Roll Challenge. There were 81 quilts, 58 pillowcases, and 2 pillows donated. Liz thanked all who participated.

Judy Naylor picked Elizabeth McCloskey as the winner of the raffle basket. She thanked Liz, Cathy, and Diane for their help. Over \$220 was made.

Fiber artist Sandra Golbert was tonight's speaker who showed us how to make 3D tags.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Ruh, Secretary





**TRESURER'S REPORT**

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

**December 1, 2020 TO December 31, 2020**

			Notes:
<b>DEPOSITS (INCOME)</b>			
Quilt Raffle Tickets		\$ 70.00	
Christmas Raffle Basket		\$ 280.00	
PayPal Giving Fund		\$ 1.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		\$ 351.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Christmas Meeting Speaker		\$ 100.00	Sandra Golbert
PayPal Fees for Quilt Raffle Tickets		\$ 2.63	
PayPal Fees for Christmas Raffle Basket		\$ 13.06	
<b>Total Expense</b>		\$ 115.69	
CHECKING ACCOUNT as of 12/28/2020		\$ 10,393.95	
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 5,058.09	
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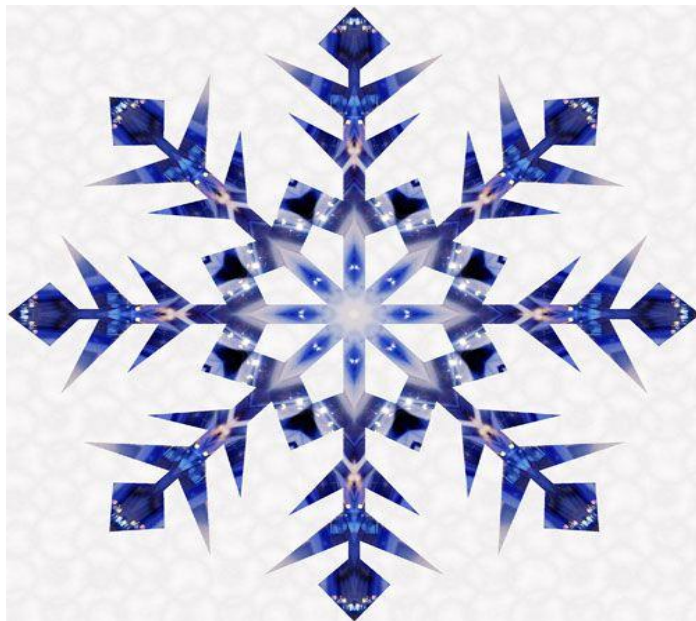
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### **NEXT MVQ MEETING**

WHERE: Virtual Meeting at your place on your phone or computer

WHEN: January 21, 2021.

**Hope to See You There!**